



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

source software for accepting an identification of at least one facility and at least one region therein into which audio is to be broadcast via a local paging audio system installed in the facility;

communications software for establishing communications, via a computer network, with destination software for transmitting at least a facility identifier, a region identifier, and a representation of the audio to be broadcast; and

destination software, responsive to a received facility identifier and a received region identifier for interacting with a the local paging audio system to broadcast received audio into the identified facility and region and where the local paging audio system includes a control element coupled to at least first and second pluralities of audio output transducers, each plurality is located in a respective region of the facility.

11. (Original) A system as in claim 10 where the source software includes graphical user interface software which graphically presents available facilities and regions for selection.

12. (Original) A system as in claim 11 where the source software includes audio compression software.

13. (Original) A system as in claim 11 where the source software includes encryption software.

14-15 (Canceled)

16. (Original) A system as in claim 10 where the destination software includes status reporting software to communicate, at least intermittently, via the computer network, with the source software.

17. (Original) A system as in claim 10 where the destination software includes audio processing software to transmit local audio to the source software, via the computer network, for audible presentation local to the source software.

18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 10 which includes at least second destination software responsive to a received second, different facility identifier and a received second, different region identifier for interacting with a second, different local paging audio system to broadcast received audio into the second identified facility and second region.

20-28 (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
a plurality of multi-zone paging systems, each paging system including circuitry for selecting at least one of a plurality of zones, each zone including a plurality of at least audio output devices, each paging system also including an interface to a computer network for bidirectional communications of at least audio messages with a displaced, common, source.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 29 which includes software for presenting a paging system and zone selection screen.

31. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 30 which includes software that transmits paging system and zone specifics, as selected on ~~the~~ a screen to at least one of the paging systems via the computer network for presentation of selected audio messages in the selected zone.

32. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 30 which includes software for providing a graphical display of paging system status feedback information.

33. (New) A building control system comprising:
at least one multi-zone paging system which includes;
a first plurality of audio output devices, the members of the plurality are displaced from one another and installed in a first zone of a building being monitored;
a second plurality of audio output devices, the members of the plurality are displaced from one another and installed in a second zone of the building;
control circuits at the building coupled to the first and second pluralities, the control circuits, in response to received commands, select at least one of the pluralities and couple prioritized verbal messages received from a displaced source thereto;
an interface to a computer network, the interface is coupled to the control circuits, the interface receives commands and verbal messages from the displaced source and forwards same to the control circuits, the control circuits couple received verbal messages to the respective plurality in accordance with an associated indicium of priority.

34. (New) A system as in claim 33 where at least one of the zones includes a video input transducer that generates real-time video information indicative of conditions in the respective zone, the video information is coupled to the interface for transmission to the displaced source substantially in real-time.

35. (New) A system as in claim 34 where the control circuits also couple audio signals received from a respective zone, via the interface and computer network to the displaced source substantially in real-time.

36. (New) A system as in claim 33 comprising:
a plurality of multi-zone paging systems, each paging system including circuitry for selecting at least one of a plurality of zones, each zone including a plurality of at least audio output devices, each paging system also including an interface to the computer network for bidirectional communications of at least verbal messages with a displaced, common, source.

37. (New) A system as in claim 36 which includes software that transmits paging system and zone specifics, as selected on a screen, to at least one of the paging systems via the computer network for presentation of selected verbal messages in the selected zone.

38. (New) A system as in claim 29 where the audio messages comprise verbal messages.